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**"T**hird down, eight yards to go for a first; Army's Quarterback, trailing 14-10, drops back to throw a 'bomb' with only 14 seconds left in the football game and...CLICK! — Mom turns off the TV and announces, 'Turkey's ready!.' At the table, number one son prays, 'Thanks, Lord, for all your bountiful blessings, especially for the VCR, 'cause now we can see whether or not that pass was completed!' "

Yes, in many homes, the holiday season takes us from turkey to ham to soup beans; from the Salad Bowl to the Punch Bowl to the Rose Bowl. 'Tis the Season to be Jolly...for the husbands (if their team wins) and for the wives (if their dishwasher works).

But, for the believer, this holiday season should mean more than Touchdowns, Tums and Tired Feet. It is to be a time of true, heartfelt CELEBRATION described by one author as being "any occasion about which, or wherein, the spirit of joy prevails." Taken in

that sense, we as sons of the Most High God have a lot to celebrate... The Lord, His Coming, His Redemption, His Word, His Daily Provision, His Victories and the Opportunities we have of serving Him. To this, we dedicate this issue of the ADVANCE, discussing "Celebration," from its definition to its decorations and delicacies.

AND THEN THERE'S ANDI...our sweet-heart from Ft. Worth, Texas. I dare you to look at her face and not experience with her the joy of being touched by the healing power of God.

Like the Psalmist (Psa 126:2), "MAY OUR MOUTHS BE FILLED WITH LAUGHTER AND OUR TONGUES WITH SONGS OF JOY. THEN IT WILL BE SAID AMONG THE NATIONS, 'THE LORD HAS DONE GREAT THINGS FOR THEM' " (NIV).

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# CELEBRATION, TO GOD, MEANS

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ELEBRATION! What a wonderful word. Just the sound of it makes our faces smile, our eyes sparkle and our hearts leap. We love to celebrate. We celebrate birthdays, holidays, new babies, anniversaries, baseball victories, new jobs, salary raises, first day of school, last day of school, and on and on. The ways that we celebrate are as varied as the reasons. Birthdays can be celebrated with a festive party or a quiet dinner. Victories are celebrated with everything from "three cheers" to formal balls. Many of us celebrate a salary raise by spending most of it on a celebration dinner. We celebrate a successful diet ("I lost 50 pounds!") with a lobster dinner and a hot fudge sundae! Yes, we love to celebrate and we can find almost any reason to do so.

But how often do we link celebration with God? Do we think of celebrating a miraculous healing or an answer to prayer, a deliverance or a very special blessing? There is nothing and no one in our life that is more worthy of honor than God. He has shown Himself throughout history to enjoy a good celebration! God Himself instituted a number of holidays for Israel throughout the Old Testament — a commemoration of His care for them and a time of total rejoicing.

The three main feasts or celebrations established by God were the Passover (Feast of Unleavened Bread), Pentecost (Feast of Weeks) and Tabernacles (Feast of Booths). All three of these holy days (holidays) had an agricultural basis but they were also inseparably linked to the Almighty God and the rejoicing of the people.

The Feast of Weeks, which we know as Pentecost, was a celebration of God's blessings and provisions in the wheat harvest (Deuteronomy 16:9-11). It was a total community festival involving every member of the family, servants, visitors, orphans and widows. The reason for celebration was God's provision. The means of celebration was rejoicing! It was at this holiday feast in Acts 2 that the Holy Spirit was given to the believers gathered in the upper room. What a glorious celebration that was!

The Feast of Tabernacles was observed at the

by Mrs. Kathy Christopher

ingathering of the fruit harvest. The people were to construct booths of tree branches and leaves which were a symbol of God's provision. Deuteronomy 16:14 gives us a good idea of God's intention for this celebration: "Be joyful at your feast; you, your sons and daughters, your men-servants and maidservants, and the Levites, the aliens, the fatherless and the widows who live in your towns." The word joyful here is *ach sameach*, "rejoice only"; they were to be altogether joyful.

Upon their return from exile, as recorded in Nehemiah 8, Israel built booths and celebrated the Feast of Tabernacles. Verse 17 tells us, "From the days of Joshua son of Nun until that day, the Israelites had not celebrated it like this. And their joy was very great. Israel's great celebration and joy was ultimately tied to their life in God. He was the source and the fulfillment of their rejoicing.

The Passover was celebrated as a remembrance of God's deliverance of His people from death and slavery. Israel was spared the death of their firstborn because of the blood of the passover lamb. God's judgment on Egypt through the death angel brought about Israel's deliverance from slavery.

Israel's history was marred by years of rebellion against God, by ungodly kings and by pagan worship. There were years when the Passover was not celebrated. About 700 years after their deliverance from Egypt, during the reign of Hezekiah, Israel renewed its covenant with God. Hezekiah had the temple restored, called Israel together to Jerusalem and celebrated the Passover. Second Chronicles 30 gives us the account of this Passover, most notably, "There was great joy in Jerusalem, for since the days of Solomon son of David...there had been nothing like this in Jerusalem" (vs. 26). Sounds like quite a party, doesn't it! Their rejoicing was not just in the deliverance but in the Deliverer. Again, God was the reason for their joyous celebration.

As we move into the New Testament, we discover that it was during the celebration of the Passover that Jesus established the rite of the

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# MAKING OUR CELEBRATION



Photo by Mike Helms

**"Superficiality is not limited to worldly systems . . . far too often, it can be found in the lives of Christians and fail to impress the unbeliever or answer the 'why' in believers' lives."**



In 1984, my wife and I had the opportunity of travelling to Guilin, Kwangsi Province, China, for rest and meeting with people in that area. We were overwhelmed with the beauty of God's creation, as well as some of the changes which had taken place in that Nation since 1979. I was also overcome with the searching for identity and honesty which characterizes many of China's youth. As we looked at the latest designer fashions displayed in that Marxist society, one university student remarked, "In the past, we were disillusioned with ideology and now, with materialism. It all seems so 'superficial'".

Superficiality is not limited to worldly systems, but sad to say, can be a strong accusation against many believers today. Far too often, whether it be in character or conduct, our walk with Christ can take on some type of superficial form which fails to impress the unbeliever, fails to answer the "why" in our lives and becomes a form of religious ceremonialism which we call "Morning Worship" on Sundays.

In Exodus 16, we find the Nation of Israel one month following their deliverance from Egypt. They had brought a month's supply of food, quite sufficient to see them into the Land of Canaan, but not enough for wandering about in circles! Without food, they begin to become weary, frustrated, complaining and simply going through the "form" of being God's people...true signs of a wilderness wanderer.

God gave insight to Moses as to the true nature of the problem. The leadership was to tell the Israelites about God's provision of "Manna". They were to teach them how to collect it. However, the choice of collecting manna to sustain life was the responsibility of the Israelites themselves. While the people should have expected Moses to lead

them to the Manna, they were to remember that their total source of supply was Jehovah. It was He who would supply it as they obeyed His pattern.

God's pattern? Quite simple! The manna was to be collected DAILY, EARLY, WHILE IT WAS FRESH. It could not keep for another day. It would go stale. In addition, THE SABBATH WAS TO BE USED FOR ENJOYING MANNA ALREADY RECEIVED, RATHER THAN FOR FURTHER COLLECTION. On the Sabbath they were to CELEBRATE THE GOODNESS OF GOD'S PROVISION.

The antidote for superficiality in our Christian walk is the daily collection of MANNA from God's Word. We should not expect the Pastor or church to be a spiritual cure-all; something they never can, nor should, be. Our attitude towards worship on Sundays is also dependent on the daily collection of God's light and life throughout the week. True worship includes REMEMBRANCE of God's provision of grace, REHEARSAL to others in our spiritual families of the Father's faithfulness, and RESPONSE in thanksgiving to Him from Whom all blessings flow.

As daily collection of "manna" became a reality in my life, I recalled how that for much of my Christian (and church) life my coming to worship had been founded on an "individualistic" concept. I was hoping to "get something" from God to sustain ME so that I could fulfill MY goals. Let's be honest. How many of us still approach our services with the same idea? What a devastating feeling it was to discover that such an attitude was not only selfish worship, but self-centered worship. As I came to understand that I was an individual WHO HAD BEEN PLACED INTO A COMMUNITY OF BELIEVERS TO WHOM I WOULD

MUTUALLY SHARE LIFE AND GIFTS, Sunday morning became a time of giving, exciting, active participation which centered itself on God and sought the profit of others in the Body. As a by-product, my personal needs were supplied as well. When we come together with such a mind, then corporate worship becomes a CELEBRATION OF LIFE EXPERIENCE rather than an event wherein God is the head coach, the Preacher our quarterback and we, the wide-end receivers!

In the villages of Central China, one day of each week is "FARM DAY". Those who have raised their own produce bring their goods to a central location to sell. In many cases, however, when currency is not available, goods are traded so that the need of the other party is met by that which the farmer has brought with him. Eliminating the commercial concept but maintaining the significance of "mutual supply", I feel that God's purpose of bringing us together corporately is much the same. It is to be more like a "FARM DAY" than a "FILLING STATION". When we come together one will have a word of instruction, another a tongue or interpretation, another a psalm, hymn or spiritual song, another with the ability to weep with those who need comforting, another with the capacity to rejoice with the joyful, etc. Above all, we lift our hearts in chorus giving strong praise, CELEBRATING the grace and gifts which God has given each of us to make His Body complete and resound to His glory.

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# Joy to the World

It was November, 1956. The news of the day was the Eisenhower-Nixon reelection. The Jack Richey's were returning to the Philippines by freighter. Their ship docked near Tokyo, Japan. This enabled the family to enjoy a guided tour of the city all decorated for Christmas just as any city in the U.S. Jack inquired of his guide, "How do you celebrate Christmas, seeing Japan is not a Christian country?" In a matter-of-fact manner, the guide replied, "We are Christians once a year, we all get drunk!"

How do people of other cultures celebrate the holidays? Do the Christians and churches find special opportunity or significance in the holiday season? In what ways do missionary families celebrate Christmas in foreign surroundings? The ADVANCE asked three of our Foursquare Missionaries, namely, Greg Bretz (Norway), Johnell Loop (Philippines), and Jack Richey (Ecuador) for answers to these questions.

**ADVANCE:** Greg, when one thinks of Christmas, his mind immediately pictures Scandinavia with its "post card" settings and scenery. Is this the case?

**GREG:** For the Scandinavians, Christmas is without a doubt the most exciting celebration of the year. Yuletide arrives at the end of a long, dark autumn, a season usually blasted by storms, and increasing cold. Nature wraps us in a blanket of cold, quiet snow, while the meaning of Christmas wraps us inside cozily lit homes, snuggling close to the fireplace and enjoying the warmth of family fellowship.

**ADV:** In the Philippines and

Ecuador, is either Christmas or New Years considered a major event?

**JOHNELL:** Even during October, Christmas music can be heard in stores and on jeepneys. Being a predominantly Catholic nation, Christmas and Easter are the two biggest holidays of the year.

Beginning in early December, the shuffle of feet on the street can be heard early each morning as people make their way to pre-dawn Masses. Shops are crowded as people shop for gifts for family and friends. Throughout the nation, children carol from house to house in hopes of making money or receiving a gift. Families try their best to be together, so all means of transportation are crowded. On Christmas eve, "Noche Buena" is celebrated with a feast including roast pig and apples. Christmas day is spent visiting relatives.

**JACK:** In Guayaquil, Ecuador, there is the recorded Christmas music played in stores and supermarkets. But most spectacular are the houses which are beautifully decorated with extravagant

wishing us a Merry Christmas (interpretation: "Don't forget me"). Last year, the city ran a campaign for collecting gifts and candy to be distributed to the needy. The distribution resulted in a near riot and many injuries in front of city hall.

Most Ecuadorian families have a delicacy, a bread called "Pan de Pascua" or Christmas bread. It is a round, slightly sweet, loaf with candied fruit in it.

**ADV:** And Norway?

**GREG:** Many shops and businesses are closed during the week between Christmas and New Years. Thus, the holidays are a time of laying aside the responsibilities of work in order to rest and gather new strength for a new year. With the longest night of the year just ended, Christmas becomes a time of



preparation, looking to brighter and longer days.

**ADV:** How do the Christians and churches observe the holiday season?

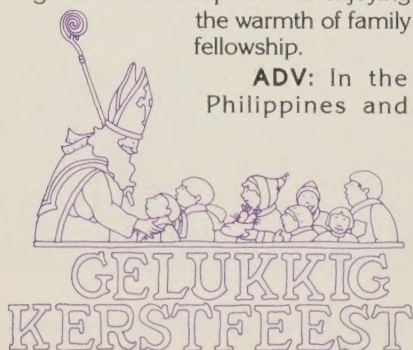
**JACK:** Usually, the Ecuadorian churches have their nativity dramas and a distribution of gifts to the children, consisting of fruit, caramelos or candies.

**GREG:** Most churches in Norway set aside several "holy days" for celebrating the proclamation of Christ's birth. Our church has chosen to focus on the themes of family and fellowship. We host a 3-course dinner for members and friends, then top the evening off with singing, entertainment and an inspirational message. Of special blessing is the extra time given to visitation



displays of lights. There are contests to reward those who have most beautifully decorated their houses. Sidewalk areas are filled with toys, Christmas trees and decorations for sale.

In contrast, needy children will go door to door, asking for their Christmas gift. The garbage collectors and the one who distributes mail to our post office box sends us Christmas cards







*Christmas in Norway with the Bretz'*



and why we are missionaries.

On Christmas Eve, we open one package that everyone can enjoy. On Christmas morning, we read the first Christmas story, pray and open our packages. Our Christmas morning activities are all recorded on tape so that our families in the United States may share in our celebration.

**ADV:** Jack, we understand that in Ecuador, New Years is the major holiday with a unique style of celebration.

**JACK:** As the new year approaches, the streets are filled with "Old Men", life-sized dummies depicting various themes that have been much in the news during the past year. Sometimes, they will use a whole group of these "old men" to depict an entire theme. As the New Year approaches, on New Year's Eve, these are set afire, often with fireworks inside them. The city is aglow and the fireworks display tremendous. They are seeking to do away with the "old man" and put on a "new image."

**ADV:** Praise God that Jesus came, so that our becoming new creatures in Him are not masks, but mastery, through the strength of the Holy Spirit! Praise God for missionaries and churches who are living "Christmas Lights" of Christ's coming to a world of darkness! Praise God for Christian families, with whom we can find warmth and joy! Praise the Lord for those churches who faithfully remember their assigned Missionaries each year at Christmas!

from family and friends in Sunny California.

**JACK:** We, too, like to make Christmas a strictly family time since church activities are completed on preceding days. We have baked chicken with all the trimmings preceded by an exchange of gifts around a Christmas tree and a private family service.

**JOHNELL:** Our family's celebration begins early in December with our tree which, to our family, is like reading a book of precious memories. The bubble lights are the same kind as Gary had when he was small. The little wooden ornaments remind me of the year I was pregnant with our first baby. The small unevenly stitched needle-point decorations remind us of the evenings when the boys were small and we worked by candlelight because we lived where there was no electricity.

There are two special wooden decorations which adorn our coffee table. One is a nativity scene which is used by the children to rehearse the Christmas Story. The other is a tribal couple kneeling before the Christchild, reminding us of the very reason Christ came



between our members themselves.

**JOHNELL:** Since the entire nation's focus is on the birth of the Christ-child, the Foursquare Churches in the Philippines find this to be a good opportunity for evangelistic outreach. In addition, many churches have a Christmas Eve or Christmas Morning service to celebrate as a church family before proceeding to homes for traditional celebrations.

**ADV:** How do you as a family living in a cross-cultural environment, celebrate Christmas?

**GREG:** With my wife's family living in Norway, the holiday season is filled with the joy of strengthening family ties. The ladies busy themselves baking traditional Norwegian goodies and presents. Nobody complains about the traditional dinner of spare ribs, sausage and sauerkraut served on Christmas Eve. We love unpacking presents, then walk around the tree singing the Christmas carols. Of special blessing are the cards, presents and phone calls





# Decorating by Naomi Beard

## EXPRESSING OUR JOY IN CELEBRATION

**C**hristmas here at "The Church On The Way" means CELEBRATING! REJOICING! FEASTING! SHARING! DECORATING! — with understanding and without fear. It is that tingling feeling of unrestrained excitement as we call to remembrance what God did for us: "...He gave His only begotten Son...A SAVIOR, who is Christ the Lord" (John 3:16; Luke 2:11). Yet our society reeks with cynicism and a Scrooge spirit that seeks to hinder our release during these days and diminish the sheer joy that should be inherent to us as children of God. It is easy to be ensnared by those who try to turn our attention from the joys of Christmas to the gloom that exists in their lives as they emphasize the commercialism, the spending, the poor, and tragedies. And many of God's people are caught in that same trap, and are like the Israelites who had to re-learn how to celebrate and feast after their release from years of captivity (Nehemiah 8).

I love the simple yet beautiful and meaningful child-like approach we take to the Holidays, one that has been engendered by our Pastor and his wife who model and teach the sheer joy one can enter into and express during this time. We believe in and have seen the recovery of the true meaning of holy celebration as we incorporate some of the traditions that are relevant to Christmas. "We do not flee the innocent cultural traits of celebration but choose to fill them with deeper color by participating with enlightened understanding and pure living"\* (\*Quotation: Jack Hayford, Dec. 6, 1981 Bulletin).

Since we try to live as a family here at "The Church On The Way" and consider our Main Sanctuary "our Living Room", I usually take this family approach in thinking about decorations. Just as our pastor's wife, Anna,

begins in January preparing and purchasing gifts for their next season's family giving, I also begin about that time searching for future ideas.

We use themes to bring coordination and direction to a project. The theme can be a color emphasis, bows, candles, country, Victorian, toyland, winter wonderland, etc. After the basic thrust has been established, I meet in either late June, July or August each year with a small committee to brainstorm on what is needed, what is to be done, how it is to be done, and how we can enhance what we already have. "Heralding the Holidays" was our 1984 theme which spoke of such things as lights, horns, angels, birds and stars. Our 1985 theme "An Old-Fashioned Christmas" allows for various expressions of Country and Victorian decorations.

We never cease to be moved as we hear and see the congregation's response to the decor as they enter the "Living Room". There is always an abundance of admiring, examining, suggesting, fascination, and family pictures — just like you and your family would do at home. I never allow myself to struggle with trying to "out-do" myself each year, but each year we just endeavor to do our best creatively to bring joy to our family, as unto the Lord. We do not decorate with just the adults in mind — we want our children to enjoy them as well. I'm reminded of a time, several years ago, when I was in the midst of rehearsing my children's choir for their Christmas presentation. My mind was far from the unlit Christmas tree in the corner of the room. In the midst of my diligence in making sure they were enunciating every "t", and nasaling every "n", Pastor Hayford quietly walked in and turned on the lights to the tree. Everything came to a halt as the children's mouths dropped as they gasped be-



**"We do not flee the innocent cultural traits of celebration, but choose to fill them with deeper color by participating with enlightened understanding and pure living."**— Jack Hayford

cause of the beauty of the lights. Their eyes began to twinkle, their facial expressions changed, the giggles and chatter of excitement began to grow... They needed to know all this was for them, too.

"...The ornaments reflect the decorative splendor with which His kindnesses festoon our lives personally and corporately."\* (\*Jack Hayford) We alternate tree decorations between our Prayer Chapel (former sanctuary) and "Living Room" each year. Last year in the "Living Room", our ornaments followed a green color scheme. A little over seven years ago, we obtained and made all of these decorations which consist of green and silver bows, clear and silvered balls, mirrored birds, mirrors, silver bells, tinsel snowflakes, and a silver garland that is double draped over the entire tree. Nearly all our decorations are made by women in the church which gives them a good feeling of having had a part in bringing joy to many. For our main tree last year, we added green and clear balls; we replaced the faded green and silver bows with solid-colored forest green bows, and had several large doves that were sprayed a silver gray, positioned as if a flock of birds were flying up the tree. A large bow with two leader birds affixed above it was used as a tree top. An interesting incident happened while the birds were being sprayed outside on a piece of plywood board. In a lemon tree that was nearby, I heard a great commotion by a flock of real birds that I thought was rather odd. As I continued to turn the artificial birds from side to side to continue the painting process, the noise in the tree grew louder. I wondered what was causing all the ado, and then it dawned on me, "They probably think I'm harming some real birds and they're upset about it". This might be truer



*Christmas at Church On The Way*

than I know because as soon as I finished what I was doing and bagged all the birds after they had dried, all the noise ceased. This year's tree will contain our alternate Victorian decorations that were made five years ago consisting of cranberry-red and lace bows, balls and nosegays, jingle bells, decorated fans, and brass-like instruments.

Each year we participate in the celebration of advent at each of the Sunday evening celebrations leading up to Christmas. Lighting the advent candles is an age-old tradition that serves as a reminder that the...Light came into the world. One candle is lit each week. As it is lit, we express praise to Jesus by singing:

Lord Jesus Christ, Lord Jesus  
Christ To praise Your Name we  
gather  
Lord Jesus Christ, Lord Jesus  
Christ  
To praise Your Name we gather.  
Because You came God's love is  
here  
Because You came God's love is  
here  
Lord Jesus Christ, Lord Jesus  
Christ  
To praise Your Name we gather.  
(to tune of "O Tannenbaum")  
...lyrics: Jack Hayford

Clad with red bows and pinecones, wreaths and garlands deck the walls to

further extend the feel of Christmas. Mounds of poinsettias, decorated lamp posts, and sleighs surround us to continue to complement the Christmas atmosphere.

#### THINGS WE USE IN DECORATING:

Our use of Christmas trees is thought of in the same manner as in one's home — a place for the family to gather. We don't consider it a show piece, even though we try to make it as lovely as possible with ornaments, but we gather around it with joy — singing, worshipping, learning, laughing and remembering, "Seeing its living branches as a symbol of everlasting life which has been given us because of Jesus' death on THE TREE — Calvary — whose naked crossbars X'ed out death and ushered in forgiveness, regeneration and eternal hope" \* (\*Jack Hayford).

Our central tree is approximately 22' tall, full of gleaming white lights. These testify that He who is the Light of the World has indeed come and continues to infuse His radiance into any life that will allow Him to do so. Not only do lights adorn our trees, but last year we added tiny white lights to the decor of greenery around our wall lights. This year, we plan on adding them to the several decorated garlands that line our walls.





## AH, YES, AND THEN THERE ARE THE BEARS!

Four Christmases ago, Pastor Hayford was in the "Living Room" viewing the tree and all the decoration and commented, "You know what we need?...some bears!." Well, after the excitement of this comment began to wane, I began to think to myself, "Where am I going to find BEARS...BIG bears at that?" I began to mention this to the Staff and found that one of our Christian Education Coordinators had

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— Naomi Beard

a very large bear she had purchased for her grandchildren and was willing to let us use it along with another one. And that is how BURGESS came into being a special part of our thinking of Christmas decorations. Burgess is about four feet tall, seated, and is loved by young and old alike. We've added a bear-clan to him making him a family man. Burgess is usually positioned near the tree on a prop, but this year he and some of his clan will be seated in a red sleigh; and a train set filled with animals will replace his usual place around the tree.

Two years ago our Pastor wrote a Christmas musical that required tableaux...people positioned to hold poses as angels, wise men, and shepherds. For this setting we removed two walls to build platforms. This past year we did not do the musical but we thought it would be good to still utilize the platforms using mannequins to represent shepherds and wise men. One of the young women who is in design created stick-people out of pieces of 2x4 pieces of lumber and a wig head. She and her helpers made faces, arms and hands out of latex, used chicken wire and mounds of rags to create an illusion of filled-out bodies, and with costumes and good painting skills, came up with beautiful scenes that were lit before and after each service for everyone's enjoyment.

Not only is there a feeling of

Christmas within the Main Sanctuary, but nearly every facility on our church campus is decorated to some degree. For example, there is a specialness in the designs done by our Children's Ministries. Last year, the Pre-school Department decorated their courtyard to the theme of "Toyland". It was their version of a Fantasyland with trains made out of cardboard and paper plates painted bright red with lights and sparkly design, poles wrapped to represent candycanes, and elevated in a tree was the red sleigh(that gets passed around) filled with all sorts of bears, animals and gifts. Not only was this enjoyed by the children and families of the church, but it became a place for the neighborhood to enjoy as well. I want to see people of God once again free to be child-like in their celebration of Christmas. To me, the decorations, the trees and lights are all tangible, colorful expressions of the joy of Christmas that begins in the heart. And that same joy, that real expectancy, that openness and willingness to give of yourself just as He who came to give Himself away; that same spirit of rejoicing that not only lifts you but lifts others out of the plights of despair—can be a part of your life and the lives of those you come in contact with during the Holidays. Why not let this Christmas Season be the start of your getting into celebration, making things lovely just as a reminder of how much God loved us. LET'S DECORATE! [4]

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Lord's Supper. At the Passover feast celebrated with His disciples, Jesus told of His betrayal and crucifixion. The ultimate Passover Lamb would be sacrificed to buy man's freedom and life forever. Joy, total joy, would result as man celebrated his deliverance from the darkest kind of slavery, sin and death. Christmas is the time we set aside to honor the birth of God's Son. His birth is significant because He is the sacri-

ficial Lamb. We rejoice in God, the author and sustainer of our salvation, and in His Son, who brings that salvation to us.

We will continue to celebrate the holidays with food and lots of laughter, and happily so. But let's add a new tradition to our celebration this year. Instead of filing celebration under "fun" and filing God under "spiritual", why not bring them together and celebrate God, as He intended us to do. Invite Him to share in your holiday cele-

brations. After all, He IS the SOURCE and the FULFILLMENT of all that we have to celebrate.

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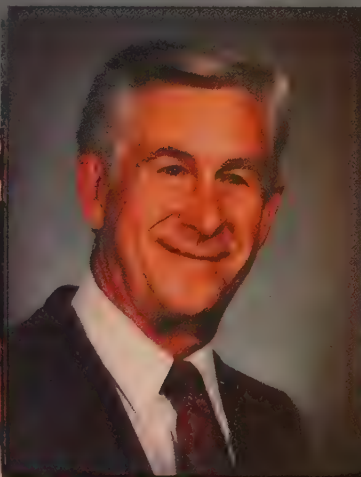


# The View From Here

## A World Mission Viewpoint

"ONE RACE, ONE GOSPEL, ONE TASK"  
Missions, a Mighty River

**A** mighty river coursing its way through the pages of Scripture" is the way Dr. Allan Hamilton describes the Biblical theme of missions. He says, "God's plan of redemption bursts upon the scene choosing, calling and sending and the joyous design for all believers is to partner in this divine plan." Pastor Allan Hamilton is pastor of the Portland, Oregon Foursquare Church. According to this visionary pastor, the Portland congregation is often reminded of the following Biblical truth — that there is...



"ONE TASK — The souls of men are reached one at a time. That is the task. We cannot just have big meetings and believe that we have fulfilled the task. The task is reaching every man one at a time; that way we permit every man everywhere in this world to hear the one Gospel that will bring them salvation."

"A vision for worldwide revival and evangelism is an integral part of our church" says Pastor Hamilton, as evidenced by a beautifully engraved sign seen by nearly everyone entering the church; the inscription — 'DEDICATED TO WORLD EVANGELISM'." AND THIS IS JUST THE BEGINNING...

\* The weekly church bulletin contains a missions brief or update on the church's missions giving. During the service, missionaries are prayed for. The weekly prayer calendar lists names of missionaries and their known current needs.

\* From the pulpit, Pastor Hamilton preaches missions messages regularly. He also invites guest speakers who ignite a world vision and give firsthand overseas testimonies for further insight.

\* Early each day men of the congregation meet for prayer with missions outreach on their prayer list. The Women's Ministries keep in continual contact with our missionaries globally providing supplies and gifts.

\* The Christian Education department  
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# Vision Sri Lanka

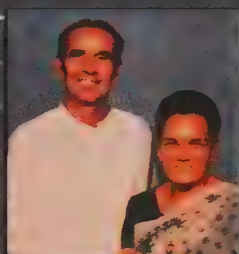


Leslie and Betty Kiser

## "THE VISION BEGINS"

**M**ith increasing intensity, Richard found his gaze shifting more and more from his accounting job to South Asia and especially the subcontinent of India. With deepening compassion Richard Kiser and his wife, Betty, lay pastors and active members of the Kokomo, Indiana Foursquare Church began to think the impossible....taking an early retirement and going to India to spread the news of Jesus' love. In 1976, Richard left his long term employment and while yet in their late 40's, the Kisers left family and friends to do just that.

Because countries in South Asia rarely open their doors to missionaries from the U.S., the Kisers settled legally as retirees in the exotic country of Sri Lanka off the southern tip of India. Sri Lanka is a predominately Buddhist country known for its wealth in gems, minerals and spices. Another kind of wealth awaited the Kisers. Living in Sri Lanka, they were soon busy touching the Sri Lankan people...hundreds of them. A rich ministry of healing and Bible teaching flowed as Richard was invited to preach and Betty to teach the children. The Kisers' rugged preaching itinerary crisscrossed the island in all directions to cities, towns and tea estates. Through swampy areas they went, stopping only long enough for Betty to rid her legs of the leeches that clung to them.



**A**mong the people touched by the Kisers was a young pastor named Leslie Kaegel. Leslie, who had been miraculously healed by God in his youth, now determined to tell others about his loving Savior, was busy pioneering a church in Colombo, the capital city of Sri Lanka. The Kisers, who lived there also, spoke frequently at Leslie's church and a great bond of love and friendship was established.

Eager to enrich his ministry, Leslie responded to the Kiser's suggestion of taking further Bible College training in a Foursquare Bible College in the Philippines. Upon completing his training, Leslie took Belen, a young bright-eyed Filipino Foursquare minister, to be his wife. Together in August, 1981, they returned to Sri Lanka, backed by the love and prayers of their Philippine Foursquare family of friends.

## "THE VISION TODAY"

Upon arrival in Colombo, Leslie met Joseph Peter, a young man healed of



Church building in progress

drinking an I drinkers... Leslie and Joseph Peter came together studying the Word of God. In September, 1981, Leslie, together with Belen and Joseph, pioneered the Foursquare church in Colombo. Jesus, mighty to save and mighty to heal, was at this time that an infant, brought to one of the meetings, was raised back to life as Leslie and Joseph lifted the child the Lord in prayer. Thus, a breakthrough occurred with many coming to the Lord. The church was soon established. Leslie's friend, Miss Thilakalatha Gamage, who had cancer of the stomach, was healed after prayer. Now she is a part of the national office.

By January, 1983, Joseph Peter became pastor and Leslie was off to begin a second church. The place, Kelnika, was a historic Buddhist town. After two months of home meetings, a woman who had a heart problem was healed, a deaf man began to hear, the blind began to see, the deaf possessed were delivered and 75 people committed themselves to membership. By August, 1983, the church had two daughter churches filled with people. Concurrently, Leslie was discipling a new believer, Srigantha Fernando (of the local police department), for pastoral leadership of the two daughter churches. By January, 1984, the two churches' attendance had increased and together they planted another daughter church and three more home meetings.

On and on go the Sri Lankan mission reports. As of June 30, 1985, Leslie reported 771 members, 522 adherents, 23 churches and 75 meeting places with 28 pastors and workers — an incredible testimony to God's mighty power with Buddhists, Hindus and Muslims coming to Christ, making up the predominance of our world.





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## THE ENLARGED VISION

For this burgeoning work, Leslie of himself and his rod disciples. We to nurture the existing, leadership of the y God has given us — power to be a nation that is found by our own rule. regulations, but led of the Holy Spirit; o be an organization manipulated by in dynamics, but to be vibrant, filled he life of the Spirit and God's Word. urther, our goal is to be one in faith, vshipping with all God's people, His ch, in Sri Lanka and abroad, in love without compromise. We want to be a ing body with an awareness that the has put us here with a unique task to nplish in His Kingdom."

## VISION WITH CLARITY

acing the growth momentum provides cient reasoning to set responsible goals he future. Let's trace our work in Sri a.

The Sri Lanka Foursquare Church has a bold vision. They believe that by December 31, 1990, there will be nearly 100 churches, 160 meeting places and 4,500 members and adherents. They envision sending two professionally trained Sri Lankan people to reach the Maldives, a small, nearby island nation which is totally non-Christian. Their second major missionary thrust includes Nepal, Burma and Pakistan, if not by 1990, before the year 2000 A.D..



Field Board of Sri Lanka.

## HOW WE CAN HELP

The driving vision of Sri Lankan leadership is to see every congregation mature in the Word and Spirit, discipling and equipping members, planting churches in surrounding areas, and training pastors, teachers, evangelists and other gifted leaders provided by the Holy Spirit, all involved in the harvest.

Here's how you can help. In July of 1985, Foursquare Missions International sent \$67,000 to purchase a piece of land with a house already on it. This building will serve immediately for the National offices and a temporary meeting place for the congregation. The next step in 1986 will be to add on to the house a structure capable of seating 1,000 people and will serve as the Headquarters Evangelistic Center...all for the cost of less than \$20,000. The third step in 1987 includes quarters for those being trained in ministry and leadership, as well as a library and other equipment such as an electric organ and sound system. These could require as much as \$30,000 more.

GIVE to Foursquare Missions International in large measure as directed by the Lord. GIVE! GIVE NOW! GIVE MUCH! GIVE!

Leslie Keegel, asked by Foursquare Missions International what motivates him, replies "It was God's love towards me and Christ's compassion through me for Sri Lanka and it is YOUR investment of love and trust in us here. YOU gave, WE went — WHAT A HARVEST, WHAT A MOTIVATION! THANK YOU!"

	(Sept) 1981	1982	1983	1984	1985(June)	1990 Goal
Members	17	143	339	593	771	4500
Adherents	318	189	1088	316	522	
Churches	1	4	7	18	23	100
Meeting Places	0	0	24	40	75	160





# Inter Frontline Foursquare



Dr. Edwards has been serving the Department of Foursquare Missions International officially since 1937. In 1947, he assumed the leadership of the Panamanian work from his parents, the Arthur Edwards. They were the second missionaries sent out by Foursquare Missions and established a strong work. It grew to be the largest Protestant church in that country which now exceeds more than 914 churches and meeting places. In 1966, Dr. Leland Edwards became the Director of our denomination's worldwide missions department. That outreach now exceeds 10,237 churches and meeting places with more than 1,072,960 members and adherents in 50 countries excluding the United States and Canada.



## INDONESIA

News of growth in our work in Indonesia has arrived at Missions Headquarters. The Foursquare church there has been registered organizationally as a foundation, the first step towards full church registration. The work continues to spread. We now have churches in three provinces: Central Java, Borneo, and into East Java. Rev. Rudy Wouters is the National leader there and Rev. and Mrs. Garth VanHuet, from Western Australia, are there as missionaries.

## HONDURAS

Missionary Mike Weilein, reporting several amazing healings in the Honduras Foursquare churches relates how:

Angela de Rodriguez, a group leader among the women in the Central Church had been suffering from fainting spells and nausea. Doctors identified her condition as the beginning of epilepsy. Her husband called the church for prayer. Further test results indicate she is completely healed.

She has had no more fainting spells.

Another of their pastors was diagnosed to have a malignant tumor behind her eye. Her only hope was an operation, removing the bone and muscle around the eye, as well as the eye itself. The family prayed. Further x-rays showed no tumor.

A woman from the church called said her 10 year old son, Jorge, had fallen from a tree. His head was split open in three different places: in the forehead where gray matter around the brain had been penetrated, and near his right ear where the whole side of his face had been laid bare. The doctor told the mother he would operate, but only out of obligation. Jorge would not live through the operation. Prayer began and continued for days. After 3 weeks later, Jorge was completely back to normal, and his scars are healing beautifully.

Finally, Benjie, Mike and Sue Weilein's adopted son, sick with tonsillitis, was taken to the doctor. After examinations, the doctor told Mike and Sue that Benjie was suffering from the beginnings of rheumatoid fever. That night at church special meetings and women's meetings were being held. They united in prayer and the next day the doctor came back negative and Benjie has no further sore throat or tonsillitis.

## ENGLAND

Howard Manthe, Foursquare missionary to England, is pioneering the Rainham branch in Essex, Foursquare Church. Since the church was opened for this new congregation to meet in a public school facility, much progress has been made. Howard announces that David and Lynn Middleton, members of the congregation, have after much prayer decided to serve the Lord full time.



# International Update



...in the church. David was an  
...for a major commitment to company  
...don. Howard shares "We need men  
...and Lynn's step of faith in the vital to  
...gress of growth in each."

## AREA

orea, youth camps have been held  
...the last 16 years. There, camp is "tent  
...with all sizes and kinds of tents being  
...ed. Each one is crowded to the  
...num. One camp expected 300; nearly  
...came! Foursquare Missionary, Ron  
...reports the atmosphere as one of  
...r and praise!

camp, many sense a call from God to  
...fulltime ministry. The government  
...made the sustaining of Bible schools  
...colleges a near impossibility. Strict  
...rements forced our Bible College in  
...a to close and as a result, our young  
...e no longer have a place for such  
...ng. A pressing need for our work is to  
...the Bible College reinstated for those  
...t to fulltime Christian service.

## PAPUA NEW GUINEA

r. Lloyd Post, Supervisor of the  
...square work in Papua New Guinea,  
...ts that five of our Foursquare pastors  
...joined together to begin an outreach  
...remote unreached people called the  
...people" of the Enga Province. These  
...e live in tree houses and are afraid to  
...to the ground at night because of evil  
...s. What a difference Jesus can make in  
...lives.

## JAPAN

Japan, the average evangelical church  
...only 15 members. Seeing a church grow  
...res much patience. In Tokorozawa,  
...d and Kay Masui, National Super-

visors, are currently pioneering a church. It  
...began 3 years ago with 6 people. Slowly and  
...steadily it has grown until now it has 12  
...committed people and has a daughter  
...church of 17 people in the nearby town of  
...Kawagoe. On July 14, 1985, David held a  
...special Sunday meeting in the Hakodate  
...Commerce Hall and 300 people came!

David reports that 5000 copies of the  
...Japanese translation of the book entitled,  
..."THE CHURCH ON THE WAY", are  
...being sent throughout Japan. The book,  
...written by Dr. Jack Hayford, pastor of the  
...Church On The Way, is the story of the  
...Lord's working in the First Foursquare  
...Church of Van Nuys, CA. The interest in  
...translating the book into Japanese arose  
...after Dr. Hayford addressed a national  
...assembly of Pentecostal and Charismatic  
...pastors and leaders.

## MEXICO

Humberto and Teri Paz, Foursquare  
...missionaries to Mexico announce the  
...launching of a work in Guadalajara, the  
...second largest city in Mexico. This  
...represents a major step for our work which  
...is primarily centered in northern Mexico.  
...They are now one step closer to opening a  
...work in Mexico City. This is a major goal  
...they soon hope to realize.

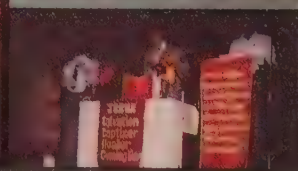
To most North Americans, Mexico is  
...rarely seen in its need for the Gospel.  
...Amazingly, it contains the largest city in the  
...world, Mexico City, with nearly 20 million  
...people. By the year 2000, Mexico City will  
...have a population of 31 million. Mexico  
...has more hidden and unreached people  
...groups than any other country in the  
...western hemisphere. At least 142 groups  
...are known to have no knowledge of the  
...Gospel.

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- (1) Indonesia: Rev. and Mrs. Rudy Walters (2)
- Handiras: Rev. Mike
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- Howard Martin (4)
- Korea: Rev. Paul Meyer
- (5) Papua New Guinea:
- Rev. Lloyd Post (6)
- Japan: Rev. and Mrs.
- David Masui (7) Mexico:
- Rev. Humberto Paz (8)
- Sri Lanka: Rev. Leslie
- Kengel.



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## New Personnel Update

Sixteen new missionary appointees have  
...been commissioned and sent during the  
...current fiscal year. This brings our total  
...from 126 last year to the present total of  
...140. This number includes 20 missionaries  
...who faithfully served on the field until they  
...retired and are currently at home in the  
...United States.

The 1985 new missionary appointees list  
...includes: Edgar and Darlene Coombs,  
...Zambia; Stan and Molly Doland, Costa  
...Rica; Cal and Voni Hall (short-term),  
...Brazil; Michael and Claire McIntosh,  
...England; Don and Sharon Nicholson,  
...Philippines; Michael and Geri Carey, and  
...David and Nancy Stone, Mexico; and Steve  
...and Karen Wood (short-term), Japan.





## *Ladies, you can make it through the holidays...and celebrate too!*

by Rev. Donna Kurtz

**S**ilent Night, Away in A Manger, O' Little Town of Bethlehem; these beautiful Christmas carols bring back many wonderful memories, I am sure! The Christmas season is one of the most lovely times of the year. Even the "non-Christians" seem to have a special warm, open-hearted spirit. But do the holidays always bring back pleasant memories? Don't they also remind us of busy, hectic days? Full schedules to keep, gifts to buy, programs to prepare, special baking and cooking to get done! Statistics reveal to us that many people find this one of the most depressing times of the year.

### ACTIVITIES

How do we keep the true meaning of Christmas in the midst of all these

activities and not let the burden and busy-ness overtake us? The answer — with much determination, prayer and planning. Christmas can be a beautiful celebration if we keep our priorities right and remind ourselves of the true meaning of Christmas and by keeping Christ foremost in ALL our planning. Christ is really Christmas. He was the first gift given.

There is a beautiful thought given in a book written especially for ministers' wives. The author states that in order to live through a hurricane (those busy, hectic times of our lives), you need to find the eye of the hurricane and work out from there. Doesn't that sound wise?

During our vacation this summer, we were in the hurricane area where one was stirring about us. Everyone was carefully watching and preparing, in case it should come our way. In tracking it from all the weather reports,

the reporter would show us the eye, and there, all was calm. It is from the eye, I am told, that the weather observers try to gather all their information, determining just how severe the storm is. Now you see why it is so important for us to find the eye and work from it. All we need for our direction and help is found in the "eye" of our busy lives...Jesus Christ! When we make Him supreme in all our planning, keep our times alone with Him (the eye), we will make it through these days of celebration with real joy...tired maybe, but building beautiful memories and traditions.

### MEMORIES

As I write this, many of those memories come back to me. Even as a child, Christmas was made to be a special time of the year. Although we lived during a financially-depressed



# Christ is really Christmas. He was the first gift given.

time, this was still a most happy season. There was Momma's yummy Christmas cookies and candy which we kids helped to make. Gifts to purchase and make (50 cents had to go a long way then). Stringing popcorn to put on the Christmas tree. I tried that later in our home and do you realize how hard it is to string popcorn? I thank God for a mother who helped us celebrate Christmas in such a special way.

When we began our own family, we determined from the very beginning that Christmas would be a special Christ-honoring celebration, in spite of the busy schedule of a pastor's life. Our first son was born on December 12. Because of its nearness to Christmas, my husband desired to make "our" homecoming from the hospital special. When I walked in the door with our "gift from God", the Christmas tree was up and decorated. My favorite Christmas carols were playing. Celebration began at that moment!

## TRADITIONS

This became a tradition in our home, especially after our son became old enough to understand. His birthday, December 12, began our Christmas celebration. The tree was set up with all the trimmings and the carols began to be played. He was permitted to choose his birthday dinner. Would you believe ...french fries, hamburger and a milk shake? (This was long before McDonalds came to our area.) It became such an important memory that he still begins his own family's Christmas celebration at that time. (By the way, he still chooses french fries, old-fashioned hamburgers and milkshakes.)

Another thing that seemed so important to us was that we would make a special effort to keep the word CHRIST in our writing of Christmas instead of yielding to its abbreviated form. It was Christ's birthday we were remembering. Finally, one thing we have begun and will continue to do until the right time comes, is that every year we place a special ornament on the tree for each of our six grandchildren. They will one day receive them for their own tree.

We believe that all of our celebration of Christmas should express Christ. Our tree for many years had a star with a picture of Christ on the top instead

of the traditional angel. As you determine how you wish to keep Christ alive in your celebration, you'll find many ways to express it. While the world says "Humbug", we say "Praise God" for the precious gift that started all this, Jesus Christ our Saviour.

New England is noted for its many traditional dishes. Donna Kurtz has shared some of those "goodies" with us which might make for a delicious new treat for you this Holiday season:

### RIB AND BEAN BARBECUE

4 lbs. spareribs, cut in 2-rib pieces  
1/3 cup soy sauce  
3 tbsp. honey  
1/2 tsp. salt  
4 medium onions, sliced  
1 cup cut-up celery leaves  
2 tbsp. salad oil  
2 dashes liquid hot pepper seasoning  
1/2 tsp. dried thyme  
1/4 tsp. salt  
1/4 tsp. pepper  
2 (1 lb. 2 oz.) cans baked beans, Boston-style

Start by heating oven to 350 degrees F. Place spareribs in 3 qt. casserole. Mix soy sauce, honey, 1/2 tsp. salt; brush some over spareribs. Bake, covered, 2 hours. Meanwhile, saute onions and celery in oil 5 minutes. Add pepper seasoning, thyme, 1/4 tsp. salt, pepper and beans. At the end of two hours, remove spareribs; skim surface fat from drippings; add bean mixture to casserole; top with spareribs. Brush surface of spareribs with rest of sauce. Bake 30 minutes longer. (Makes 8 servings)

### PENNSYLVANIA DUTCH CHRISTMAS CAKE

1 and 1/2 cups boiling water  
1/2 tsp. salt  
1 cup quick oats  
1/4 cup margarine  
1 cup brown sugar  
1 cup white sugar  
2 eggs  
1 and 1/2 cups flour  
1 tsp. cinnamon  
1 tsp. baking soda  
1 cup coarsely-chopped walnuts

#### TOPPING:

6 tbsp. margarine  
3/4 cup brown sugar  
1 cup coconut  
1 tsp. vanilla  
1 cup nutmeats

Cook oats with 1/2 tsp. salt in boiling water. Set aside to cool. Cream margarine and sugars. Add eggs, flour, cinnamon and baking soda. Add oatmeal mixture and mix well. Add

walnuts. Turn into 9" x 13" pan. Combine topping ingredients and crumble over cake mixture. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes. Test with toothpick. If not quite done, bake a little longer.

### INDIAN PUDDING

4 Cups milk  
1/3 cup cornmeal  
1/4 cup sugar  
1/2 tsp. cinnamon  
1/2 tsp. ginger  
1/2 tsp. salt  
1/2 cup molasses  
2 tbsp. butter  
1 egg, beaten

Scald 3 cups milk in double boiler. Add cornmeal; stir until mixture thickens. Mix remaining ingredients except milk. Add to cornmeal mixture. Put in greased baking dish and bake for three hours in 300 degree oven. After 1/2 hour, pour remaining milk over pudding without stirring. (You may also try baking it for eight hours with oven temperature at 225 degrees!)

### CRANBERRY CRUNCH

1 cup quick-cooking rolled oats  
1/2 cup flour  
1 cup brown sugar  
1/2 cup butter or margarine  
1 can cranberries

Mix oats, flour, brown sugar. Cut in butter until mixture is crumbly. Place one-half of mixture in well-buttered 8" x 8" pan. Cover with cranberries and sauce. Top with remaining oat mixture. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes.

NOTE: Serve both of the above with homemade ice cream or whipped cream. These are New England specialties passed down by our forefathers. The tradition that New Englanders have inherited for cooking is that "our food tastes good because of the art of patience in the cooking time, as well as learning the use of the earth's bounty here in New England."

Alta Hatcher,  
— wife of Jack Hatcher, Sr.,  
Pastor of South Shore Foursquare  
Family Life Center,  
Quincy, Massachusetts

Donna Kurtz is a graduate of L.I.F.E Bible College. Donna and her husband have much experience in pioneering and pastoral ministry throughout the Eastern District, where they now serve as District Supervisors.











# Why Andi is celebrating this year.

by Rev. Dennis Godwin

**A**ndi Farmer's parents, Chester and Ann Farmer, began attending Valley View Foursquare Church in Fort Worth, Texas in January 1985 soon after the pastor had conducted the funeral service for Ann's father. During the first part of July 1985, their 6 year old daughter, Andrea (Andi), began complaining of upper stomach pains. That Friday evening, the pain became so intense that her parents took Andi to the emergency clinic.

Upon examining Andi, the doctor's initial diagnosis was virus and the parents were told to observe her. The Doctor also referred Chester and Ann to their general practitioner, suspecting that some type of heart problem might have developed.

Two days later, the general practitioner confirmed a more serious problem and sent the Farmers to see a pediatrician. It was this pediatrician that said there seemed to be a blockage in the heart. Additional tests were made by a Cardiologist and then, a Pediatric Cardiologist. By this time, five (5) doctors were saying Andi had a hole in her heart, or a blockage of the main valve. All tests had confirmed their opinions.

Ann, Andi's mother, had heard the healing message preached and she brought her request to the church. On July 17th, a Day of Prayer and Fasting was called by the pastor for Andi. During a home meeting, that day, several people confessed a strong knowledge that Andi would be alright. The following Sunday morning

(July 21st), Andi was anointed with oil according to God's Word. Chester, Andi's father, leaned over to Ann and confessed, "I've heard this healing preached all my life, but never really seen anyone healed."

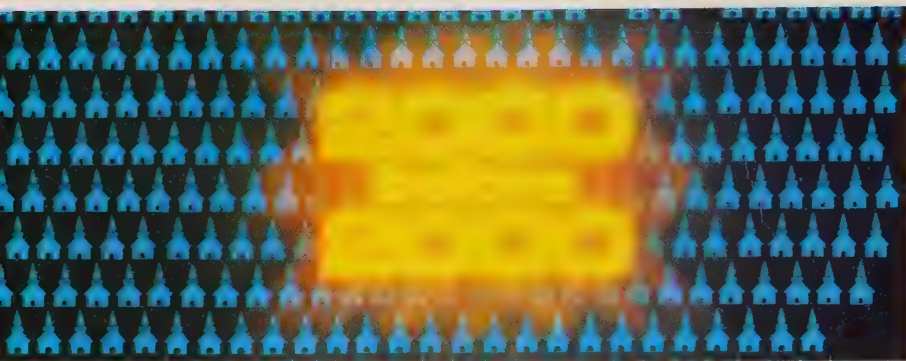
On July 23rd, another battery of tests was scheduled (EKG, X-RAY, etc.) for final diagnosis. During these tests, a blockage was confirmed on X-ray and shown to Mrs. Farmer. To pinpoint the area for surgery, an ECHO-gram was scheduled two hours later in the day. The doctor said he would call Ann with the results of the final test.

When the doctor called about 7:30 p.m. on July 26, 1985, he indicated he and the Pediatric Cardiologist had both gone over the test and they could offer no explanation for what they had found. He said that in the two hours between the X-ray and the ECHO-gram, the blockage had disappeared. He stated that he had never seen it happen before. The doctors released Andi back to the family and Chester admittedly has seen his first healing from Jesus the Healer. For Andi and her family, the coming of Jesus is truly "Good Tidings of Great Joy"! <sup>4</sup>



Dennis Godwin is the pastor of the Valley View Foursquare Church in Ft. Worth, Texas





by Mrs. Laura La Madrid

# THE WORD . . . ALIVE IN GEORGIA

**F**our years ago, an independent church of 70 people asked Ricky Temple, a recent graduate of L.I.F.E. Bible College, to become the pastor of their Fellowship. He agreed...on the condition that they consider becoming part of the Foursquare movement. Since that church's only tie to a denomination had been to send in tithes, the idea of a stronger commitment and fellowship with a movement such as ours appealed to the members. Five months later, this Savannah, Georgia church became part of the Foursquare Family.

Since that time, the Overcoming Faith Foursquare Church has experienced growth through fervency in worship and the desire of studying God's Word. Pastor Temple has organized the ministry of the church to target the family. Groups within the family have been identified so that their needs can be met.



*The Ricky Temple family*

The Savannah Foursquare Church has also steadily and consistently expanded in size to its current 130 members.

When asked to what he attributes the health of his church, Ricky

answers, "Our growth has come from a heavy emphasis on three major factors: 1) study of the Word of God, 2) quality time for worship, and 3) the importance of meeting for intercessory prayer in groups outside the church services. The fellowship currently operates four different home groups with the purpose of praying specifically for individuals needing salvation."

What is God saying to the congregation now? "We are to be a training center, equipping people for ministry," Ricky states. The church has opened a two-year Bible Institute, the Word Alive Bible School which currently enrolls 35 students in two separate courses for credit this Fall. The purpose of the school? To train members who can't go far away to other schools, to effectively minister to their own communities. This goal is even more important when one considers Savannah Foursquare's outstanding feature: according to District Supervisor, Glenn Burris, it is the first Foursquare Church in the Southeast District which is aimed specifically at ministering to the Black Community. Because of the great need for ministry and evangelism, Pastor Temple and the church members are training themselves and planning a strategy to reach the "mission field" around them.

One of the avenues of evangelism to the community is a 30-minute television Bible teaching program which is broadcast into Southern Georgia, South Carolina and Central Illinois by three stations, five times weekly. With excited and expectant hearts, the church is planning for growth and is purchasing a larger building of 6,500 square feet.

"2000 Before 2000" is what we're about: EXPLOSION...expanding outwardly, and IMPLOSION...a vision flooding our hearts with measurable goals. We can watch and pray for the fuse which God has lit through Ricky Temple and the Overcoming Faith Foursquare Church in the community of Savannah, Georgia...on the edge of the Foursquare Frontier. **4**

## 2000 Before 2000 Update:

Reporting from the three targeted districts in 1985 reveals 16 new churches in the South Central District, 20 in the Southwest District, and 16 in the Eastern District. With this concentrated outreach in three districts, the states of Connecticut, New Hampshire and Vermont have been opened to the Foursquare Gospel. Delaware is the only state in the U.S.A. untouched by the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel.

Laura La Madrid is former Production Coordinator of the ADVANCE magazine. Laura and her husband, John, are pastoring the Gold Beach, Oregon Foursquare church.



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our missionaries globally providing supplies and gifts.

\* The Christian Education department's staff and teachers keep the vision alive, using missions stories, testimonies and films, etc. The Heritage Christian Day School also participates and challenges youth for missions.

\* Each year youth teams go to various parts of the world returning with testimonies that vitalize the congregation's missions vision.

\* Missions offerings are received separately from regular church offerings, so that everyone has an opportunity to personalize their own missions vision and giving.

\* The annual World Ministries Conference is a week long celebration and is the missions highlight of the year. Special guest speakers are invited. Both vision and faith are imparted! Commitment is urged: to pray, to give and to go! Faith Promise cards for monthly missions giving are sent to the people. Cards returned to the church set the goal for the coming year. Then in faith, the church moves towards that goal and the vision before them.

How can such a vision occupy so much of the people's thoughts at the Portland Foursquare Church? More than likely it's because, says Dr. Hamilton, "This vision continues to occupy much of my own thoughts as pastor."

The Portland Church gave \$150,490.99 last year to missions. Annually, they are one of the top ten missions giving churches of our organization. For them Missions is a "Year-long" Celebration.

\*Footnote: This philosophy is the concept of missions and was taken from the 1976 Congress on Evangelism held in West Berlin, Germany.

## SUMMIT '86

### Youth Challenge To World Ministry

From December 31, 1985 to January 3, 1986, a select group of over 300 Foursquare Youth from our churches throughout the United States will be gathering at Mt. Hermon Conference Center, near San Jose, California for SUMMIT '86 — YOUTH CHALLENGE TO WORLD MINISTRY. Rev. Terry Samples, Chairman, National Foursquare Youth Committee, answers questions regarding this momentous occasion.

#### FROM WHERE DID THE IDEA OF A YOUTH SUMMIT CONFERENCE EVOLVE?

Approximately five years ago, Rev. Ed Stanton, who was then the National Youth Director (ICFG) began dialogue with Foursquare Missions International as to how we could instill in today's Foursquare youth a burden and vision for World Evangelism. Following the outstanding success of the "Run For His Glory" outreach into the Los Angeles Olympics '85, there was a firm expression by the 1985 Convention Body that we take a renewed look at what we as a Foursquare Denomination should provide for the youth of our nation. The leadership of Home Missions, Foursquare Missions International and L.I.F.E. Bible College met in response to that mandate and "Summit '86" was the result.

#### WHAT ARE THE AIMS OF SUMMIT '86?

We are coming together with the aims of:

1. IGNITING in the hearts of youth a fire and a vision for World Evangelization;
2. INFORMING the youth about what is presently happening in the church throughout the world; and

3. INSTRUCTING them in methods and strategy to accomplish that commission not only on foreign soil, but also at home in personal witness, street evangelism, campus ministry, playing a role in pioneering new works, and how to organize special outreaches.

Since the participants will be key youth who have already proven themselves to be leaders in the local church, youth pastors and sponsors, the days will be filled with workshops, plenary sessions, cell/interest groups and strategy planning committees. It will be busy, but a blessed week.

#### HOW CAN WE AS A FOURSQUARE FAMILY PRAY WITH YOU IN RELATION TO SUMMIT '86?

First of all, pray for our speakers:

1. **Leslie Keegel**, President of the Foursquare Church in Sri Lanka, a brother who has seen the miraculous in his ministry;
2. **Jim Hayford**, pastor of the Danville, California Foursquare "Zion Fellowship" — with much experience in counselling and shepherding youth;
3. **Rich Wilkerson**, one of the foremost youth/campus evangelists in North America;
4. **Chuck Girard**, Christian recording artist and a leader in the area of Worship.

Second, pray for those who are involved in the preparation of such a major event.

Third, pray for the over 300 participants who are being selected by their local pastors, that their hearts will be prepared to "see visions" during the days of December 31 — January 3, 1986.

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Two new missionary units have been sent to help in the work in Mexico: the David Stone family from the Knox City, Texas Foursquare Church will serve in Monterrey, replacing the Edwin Gurneys who are now serving in Argentina. The Michael Carey family from the South Whittier, CA Foursquare Church will replace Rev. Ludwig Mantei, recently retired after 23 years of faithful, effective missionary service in Baja, Mexico.

#### SRI LANKA

The Church of the Foursquare Gospel in Sri Lanka recently held its first National Convention. Rev. John Watson, pastor of the San Diego, CA Foursquare Church, was invited to be the guest speaker. During

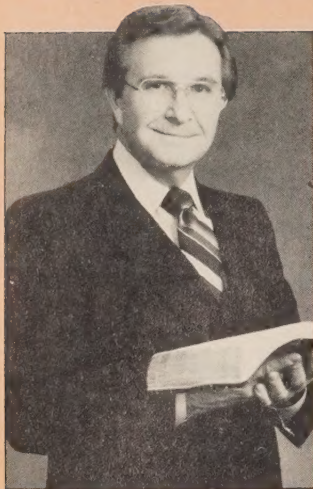
this major event, Pastor Watson reported: more than 110 were filled with the Holy Spirit, 32 people were physically healed, 8 were liberated from demonic spirits and 24 accepted Jesus Christ as their Savior.

This past year alone there have been remarkable demonstrations of the power of God as people with cancer, the blind, lame, deaf, the sick, those with asthma, and others were healed. By these means of grace, Buddhists, Hindus, Moslems, and others have discovered Jesus Christ as the Lord of life, heaven and earth. (See pages 14 and 15 for more details.)

EDITOR'S NOTE: We apologize that on page 13 of the Special Missions Edition (September/October, 1985), Arlene Ziegler's name was inadvertently listed as Donna.



# Inside Our Foursquare Family



Dr. Charles Blair, featured speaker

## Dr. Charles Blair To Be Featured Speaker At Glorieta '86 ...writes

Convention Chairman, Glenn D. Metzler, as preparations are now in full sway for the 1986 International Foursquare Convention to be held at Glorieta, New Mexico, April 29-May 4, 1986.

Dr. Blair, internationally known Pastor of Calvary



Rev. and Mrs. Jack Richey and family

## "Well Done!"

Dr. Leland B. Edwards, Director, Foursquare Missions International, recently announced the retirement of Rev. & Mrs. Jack Richey, Foursquare Missionaries originally to the Philippines and most recently, to Ecuador.

Jack Richey first went to Colombia as a single missionary in 1941 with an independent

Temple, in Denver, Colorado, will be speaking to the general sessions each morning (May 1-3) as well as share his testimony which has been published in the book, "THE MAN WHO COULD DO NO WRONG" (Living books, with John and Elizabeth Sherrill) at the Evening Session on Wednesday, April 30, 1986.

His wealth of experience and understanding of God's restorative processes will provide much biblical foundation as we as a Foursquare



Rev. and Mrs. Glenn Metzler, Convention Chairman

Family come together to consider how we might be EMPOWERED FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS, our convention's theme. God IS speaking to us as a Foursquare Movement and church leaders today are discovering unparalleled opportunities. Yet, more than at any time in our history, we need supernatural unction and anointing to meet the challenges before us.

Our gathering at Glorieta promises to be a hallmark in spiritual vision and vitality. See you there!

church agency. While in Colombia, he was closely associated with the Joe Knapps and other Foursquare Missionaries. Due to political developments in the nation of Colombia, his missions agency transferred him to the Philippine Islands where he established a strong nucleus of churches on the island of Romblon.

In 1949, Aline arrived in the Philippines where the Richeys were married by Rev. Everett Denison, then Foursquare Missionary in Manila. In 1960, the Lord directed the Richeys



## If Only Buildings Could Talk...

The "little church on the corner" in Galva, Illinois would have a lot to say. Originally built as an Episcopal church in 1902, the premises had laid vacant since 1961, being used for storage and the target of extensive vandalism.

Then came Rev. & Mrs. Gene Jagers who assumed pastorate of the Galva Foursquare Church one year ago. Due to miraculous opening of opportunities, the Foursquare congregation purchased the lot on which this historic church was standing. Extensive remodeling including repainting, rewiring, restoring foundation and support work, and even, repair and replacement of beautiful stained glass windows, was part of the "new" things God was wanting to do in that community. On Sunday, September 8, 1985, Dr. & Mrs. L. T. Charter, Great Lakes District Supervisors, led the congregation in dedicating the renovated building to the Lord. Leaders from all over the

## The Heritage Foursquare Church Rev. Gene Jagers, Pastor

community also shared their joy in seeing this beloved building again being used for its original purpose. The sign in front of this historic monument of the community now reads "THE HERITAGE FOURSQUARE CHURCH."

Renewal has not only come to the building, but to the congregation, as well. When the Jagers first came to the work, was a struggling church averaging only a few in attendance. Over this past year, nearly 20 have been saved, 16 baptized in water, many of whom have joined the church. The congregation has tripled its attendance in worship and on special occasions, the sanctuary is completely filled.

Dr. Charter remarks, "This is one of the most exciting things that has happened on our District for some time. Everyone is praying and believing the Lord to continue to save souls and see "Heritage Foursquare" become a very strong work."

and their agency to bring their entire work under the covering of the Foursquare denomination. Jack and Aline continued to serve in the Philippines as Supervisor of the Western District until eight years ago. At that time they went to serve as General Supervisors of our Ecuadorian Foursquare Churches. Totally, Jack served on the mission field for 45 years and Aline, for 40.

The Richeys have 6 children, all born overseas. Their son Lewis and his family presently serve as Foursquare Missionaries

to Panama. Of their five daughters, Annie, Glee, Debbie, Judy and Cherry, three are pastors' wives, one is a piano teacher and one is a Senior in High School. All are actively serving the Lord.

The faithfulness and family of Jack and Aline Richey are excellent illustrations of God using one family so that "all the families of the earth might be blessed." To Jack and Aline, who will be settling in the Mt. Vernon, Ohio area, we express "Well done! Our prayers are with you!"





Honorees of Chappell, Nebraska

## A Bouquet Of Roses!

On August 18, 1985, a special service of Recognition was conducted in honor of seven members of the Chappell, Nebraska, Foursquare Church for 50 years or more of faithful membership and service to the local congregation. Honored were (left to right) Florence Reichman, Evadne Roth, Laurine Carlson, Mervin Carlson, Ramona Freeman, Don Freeman, and (not pictured) Violet Jeppson.

In addition to commending these special people for their dedication and faithfulness in every department of the Church, Pastor Archie Cooper presented each with a corsage or boutonniere, a Certificate of Appreciation, a Letter of

Recognition from Rolf K. McPherson, President, International Church of the Foursquare Gospel, and a cassette tape with messages of congratulations from many former pastors.

A special "This is Your Life" presentation recalled the musical ministry of Mrs. Laurine Carlson who began as pianist of the church while a teenager and who has continued in that position until the present. Maureen Cooper, pastor's wife, writes, "Though Mrs. Carlson cannot read music, God has given her a special talent of playing everything by ear. She has been faithful in using it for His glory".

A reception was held for the "special seven" following the service.

## Layman Honored!

At a time when many of us are deeply concerned over the direction of public school education, it is thrilling to see how God has placed His people



Mr. Arthur Edwards

into roles of leadership and influence within the teaching profession.

Recently, the California State Senate passed Bill 813 — the Educational Reform Act — which allows the Boards of Education the opportunity of honoring a selected number of superior classroom teachers serving the children of

California. Among the first chosen for the honor of "Mentor" was Arthur Edwards, member of the Van Nuys Foursquare Church, and son of Dr. & Mrs. Leland Edwards. Art has taught in Southern California for the past 19 years. Now, as a Mentor Teacher, Art will be active in providing guidance and assistance for other teachers, assisting staff development and creating special curricula.

To Art, the effective teacher must have a love for each student and a desire to see that student reach full potential. He states, "Students want to do the kinds of things we do. We should have strong moral convictions and not be afraid to share good values with them." "It's refreshing," he indicates, "when former students come back and say they followed my example."

Praise God for Foursquare Laymen who see their vocation

as a ministry and are recognized by their peers for excellence.

*We know there are many members of our Foursquare Family who have testimonies just like the above. Why not share them with us by writing to the ADVANCE. We'd love to hear from you.*

## Do You Want To Enrich Your Family?

There is now a tool available to help you share your life-learned values with your children. The FOURSQUARE FAMILY WALK is a new family devotional resource through Foursquare Publications which is exciting, practical, and geared for the entire family. By spending just ten to fifteen minutes a day, you will be bringing your family around truths that not only are eternal, but are fun and easily understood.

The benefits are many: deeper communication between all family members, deeper understanding of God's Word and Christian principles, and a practical guideline for family devotions.

You may receive further information on how to receive this most valuable publication by writing to FOURSQUARE FAMILY WALK, 1100 Glendale Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90026.

## Meet John Whitman...

...who has been appointed National Director of Christian Education and Publications, International Church of the Foursquare Gospel.

Reverend Whitman and his wife, Ruby, graduated from L.I.F.E. Bible College in 1961. During the past 24 years, the Whitmans have served in pastoral and Christian education ministries throughout the Southeast and Northwest Districts. Of note is their service as Director of Christian Education for Angelus Temple, Portland, Oregon Foursquare



Rev. John Whitman

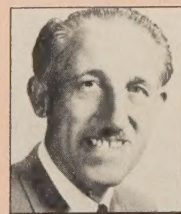
Church, and most recently, Minister of Education at Faith Center Foursquare Church in Eugene, Oregon. They have also ministered on the staff of Gresham, Oregon "Easthill" Church and successfully pioneered in the city of Tillamook, Oregon.

In addition to his experience and understanding as an educator, Reverend Whitman is a skilled administrator. These gifts, coupled with his "people-centered" approach to ministry, will enable him to comprehend needs and develop materials which will prove of great benefit and blessing to our churches.

John and Ruby have two sons, Gary, with his wife, Tracy, live in Salem, Oregon and Kevin, who is a Junior at L.I.F.E. Bible College. Ruby is presently serving as Secretary for the Foursquare World ADVANCE.

## "His Is The Heart Of A Servant"

was the way one friend described Reverend Ludwig Mantei who, with his gracious wife, recently retired from active missionary service. They had served for 21 years under appointment of Foursquare Missions International to Mexicali, Baja, California. Prior to their appointment, the Manteis pastored the Monterey Park, California Foursquare church.



Rev. Ludwig Mantei

While in Baja, besides being a blessing to local pastors, Brother and Sister Mantei were involved in the construction of many church buildings and of the Foursquare Church Youth Camp. He hosted many T.A.S.T.E. and M.I.T. teams from Foursquare Missions International. When local church youth groups visited Mexico to witness or learn about missions, they found Ludwig's sense of humor delightful and Sister Mantei's joy and hospitality touched so many lives. The song, "YOU'RE SOMETHING SPECIAL" should be sung to this fine couple. They truly are ONE OF A KIND.





# The Perfect Gift

**S**preading God's Word demands saints equipped to minister in isolated rural villages as well as highly technical urban centers.

Your perfect gift this holiday season could be a sound system for public evangelistic outreach or a tape duplicator for production of Bible studies and far-reaching radio broadcasts, an essential key to the building of God's kingdom is equipment.

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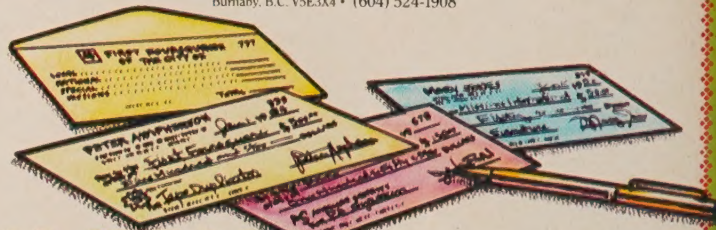
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